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Pine Hills Neighborhood Association's Response to the Closure of the College of Saint Rose

Albany, NY - The Pine Hills Neighborhood Association (PHNA) is taking immediate action in response to the closure of the College of Saint Rose. Recognizing the significant impact of this closure on the Pine Hills Community, PHNA has established a dedicated committee focused on the future reuse of the campus at the College of Saint Rose.

The purpose of this committee is to address the closure, ensuring that the interests and concerns of our community are represented and addressed throughout the process. Committee members, who must be active members of PHNA, will conduct research, engage with key stakeholders, represent the community at meetings, gather feedback from neighbors, and present their findings and actionable recommendations to the PHNA board.

PHNA is committed to working collaboratively with the City of Albany, the College of Saint Rose administration, and all other parties involved in the transformation of this key asset for our city and neighborhood. We share the deep concerns of our neighbors regarding the lack of transparency surrounding the closure, the current and future ownership of the college's properties, and the plans for securing and managing these properties until they are sold. Since establishing this committee, we have expressed our concerns to the College of Saint Rose and the City of Albany's leadership.

To facilitate communication and provide updates with neighbors, PHNA has launched the "St. Rose Info" page on our official website at www.pinehillsna.org/st-rose-info. Further, we have updates in our monthly newsletters for PHNA members. We look forward to adding more information as it becomes available.

As residents of Pine Hills, we expect to be kept informed about the developments regarding this significant portion of our neighborhood and to have a meaningful voice in shaping the future use of the campus. Our committee will actively gather information, represent the community's interests, and gain transparency throughout the entire process.

The College of Saint Rose has been a key community partner and a stabilizing factor in our neighborhood. The school's sudden closure is deeply saddening for the students, staff, and alumni – including many of our neighbors. We believe that everyone impacted deserves to understand the circumstances surrounding the closure and know what to expect moving forward. It is crucial that all voices are heard and that there is meaningful participation in the discussions and planning for the future of the campus properties.

PHNA works to preserve and improve conditions that make the Pine Hills neighborhood a viable and pleasant place to reside, work, and enjoy life.